

# Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management

**State Situation Report** 

Event Name	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
Date	05/13/20/15
Time	0700
Operational Period	05/12/15 - 05/13/15
Report Number	6

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
DDCs Active	4 Hurst, 6, 11, 19, 23, 24

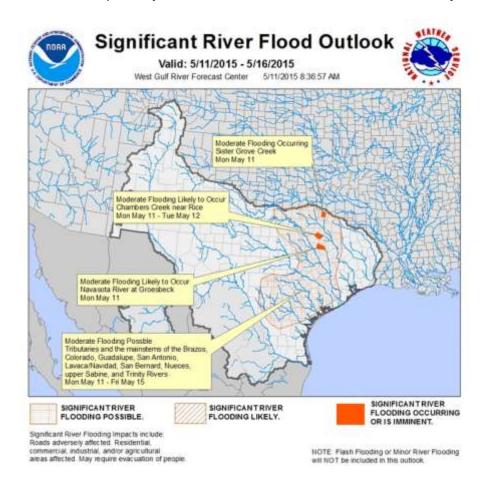
# STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation certifying that the severe weather, tornado and flooding event that began on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015, has caused a disaster in Bosque, Clay, Denton, Eastland, Gaines, Montague and Van Zandt Counties. In response to severe weather conditions and to coordinate a rapid and effective response, the State Operations Center (SOC) increased its level of response to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. State Emergency Management Council have sent state agency and volunteer agency representatives to the SOC to support resource requests. The SOC conducted a severe weather conference call with the National Weather Service Offices and state agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) this morning.

The remnants of a weak frontal boundary near Upper Texas panhandle will retreat north today. A strong upper level disturbance will move northeast out of Mexico and across Texas later today. Widespread showers and thunderstorms are expected, with the axis of heavy rain over Central Texas along the Interstate 35 corridor. Locally heavy rainfall is expected and flash flooding is expected in and near the stronger thunderstorms. Widespread minor river flooding is expected, with significant (moderate or greater) flooding possible. However, the severe weather threat is relatively low for the next few days.



Worst-Case Forecast (Refer to your local NWS Office for the most current information for your area).





Outlook for the Arkansas-Red River Basin

National Weather Service (NWS) Houston/Galveston has forecasted thunderstorms are expected to develop and move into the area as an upper level disturbance moves across Texas. Some storms will be capable of producing 1 to 2 inches of rainfall an hour. This will lead to flash flooding in areas where grounds are already saturated.

NWS Austin/San Antonio has forecasted there is a marginal to slight risk for strong to severe storms capable of producing large hail and damaging winds. The greatest threat area is along and west of Fredericksburg to New Braunfels to the Karnes city line. Widespread rainfall amounts of 1 to 3 inches are expected with isolated amount of 5 inches possible.



# **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

- 1. Protect life and property.
- 2. Support rapid & effective response.
- 3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
- 4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
- 5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

**Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

**DDC 4 Hurst** (Includes Wise, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Hood, Erath, Johnson and Somervell Counties)

Disaster District Hurst remains activated at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) and is colocated in the Denton County Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

**Denton County**: A Disaster Declaration was submitted. Denton County conducted a call with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) concerning Lake Ray Roberts. Information was provided about the dam at Lake Ray Roberts and the Corps assured county officials that operations at the dam are normal and there is currently no danger.

City of Flower Mound: A Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) was submitted.

**Wise County**: A DSO was submitted for Wise County due to a tornado and flooding that has impacted 15 mobile homes. One injury was reported.

DDC 4 Garland: (Includes Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufmann and Navarro Counties)

**Collin County:** City of Celina experienced flooding due to two creeks that overflowed their banks. Ten homes were evacuated with the possibility of 40-50 more requiring evacuation if the water continues to rise. American Red Cross (ARC) is assisting with sheltering the displaced residents.

**DDC 6 Tyler:** (Includes Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Wood, Smith, Cherokee, Camp, Upshur, Gregg, Rusk, Marion, Harrison and Panola Counties)

**Henderson County:** Twelve water rescues occurred. Three injuries and one fatality were reported. A portion of FM 317 over the Athens Fish and Game dam was reported washed away. Thirty-five homes were evacuated, 7 residents refused to evacuated under the voluntary order. The ARC is providing food and water at Life Fellowship Church located at 175W and CR 3918. The Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and owner of a dam that has been compromised due to excessive rain contracted with an engineering company and will complete a controlled breach of the lake on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Local law enforcement has secured the area to prevent people from driving or walking into the area. An emergency notification was sent to homeowners living below the dam. No impacts are anticipated to the homes downstream of the dam.

The City of Athens is under a boil water notice until the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) lifts the ban.

**Navarro County:** Navarro County submitted a Disaster Declaration. The City of Corsicana confirmed one fatality due to high water. The Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) reported extensive flooding in the Corsicana area.

The City or Richland reported a water line break, which has left the city without water, approximately 894 people are affected. The Public Works Department believes the main feed line is broke and currently unable to reach the line due to flooding. ARC is assisting with bottled water. Tankers have also been deployed to assist residents with potable water.

**Smith County:** The Smith County EMC reported possible straight-line wind damage or tornado damage to approximately 25 homes near CR 460 and CR 462. Damage assessments are ongoing.

Van Zandt County: A tornado touched down in the City of Van, Van Zandt County at approximately 10:00 PM Sunday evening. The NWS determined that an EF-3 tornado impacted an area approximately ¾ mile wide and 3 miles in length. Thirty-six injuries and 2 fatalities were reported. The Mayor of Van imposed a curfew for the incident area starting at 3:00 PM Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to prevent looting. Perimeter security will be increased and remain intact until it is determined not to be necessary by the Mayor. Damage assessements began Monday morning. A Disaster Declaration was submitted by the City of Van. One hundred homes and 4 government buildings sustained major damage. The City of Van is currently without water, approximately 2,650 individuals are affected. A shelter was established at the First Baptist Church, located at 119 East Main Street. Capacity is 200 with an updated census of 18 persons. Three requests for assistance were submitted to the SOC for an Incident Management Team (IMT), Texas Task Force 1 (Tx-TF1) Area Search and Rescue (SAR) team and a canine recovery team. The county EOC is activated.

Van Independent School Department (ISD) Superintendent has submitted a waiver to TEA to close pre-k through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the remainder of the school year.

School complex (Rhodes) has been damaged and remains closed. Local schools will remain closed until further notice from the ISD. DSO's are being completed by the City of Van. Other damages in the county are still being identified and assessed.

Electricity into the area has been restored at 95% for residences and businesses. Utility crews continue to make repairs to distribution lines and equipment. The gas utility company has secured the gas lines and valves in the impacted areas. An oil storage tank facility was damaged and its containment wall breached. A clean-up team is on site working to remediate the spill. Officials will continue to work with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

A gas leak occurred in Van in the areas of North Bois D'Arc and Alaska this afternoon. Van Fire Department (FD) and CenterPoint Energy responded. Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP) assisted with evacuation from the immediate area. The FD initially could not locate the source of the gas leak as it was believed to have been beneath some debris. The gas leak however was later located and remediated.

A re-entry plan is under development to allow residents access to their properties for clean-up. A debris management plan is currently being developed - the City of Van and Van Zandt County will work together with their waste contractors to facilitate debris handling. Various Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOADs) will be allowed into the impact area to assist local residents where needed. The volunteer reception area will be moved outside the perimeter. Planning is underway to relocate command and support trailers inside the security perimeter and relocate various other VOAD resources outside the secure perimeter to better handle the accounting of VOADs, volunteers, and other donation activities. The Mayor determined that all cleanup operations being performed by private citizens and VOAD groups will end at 5:00 PM May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

A State of Texas Assistance Request (STAR) was submitted to the SOC for a command trailer and extension of the Incident Management Team (IMT). The Texas Military Forces (TxMF) Liaison demobilized.

**DDC 22 Sherman** (Includes Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

**Cooke County:** A Disaster Declaration and DSO were submitted. Eleven mobile homes in the private community of Pioneer Valley sustained water damage. ARC surveyed the damage and reported 2 with major damage, 3 with moderate damage and 6 with minor damage. Most are under or uninsured. The Cooke County EOC is activated.

**Fannin County:** Minor flooding occurred at the Fannin County jail stemming from ground saturation around the facility. The Fannin County EMC requested 20 sandbags, which were supplied by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Grayson County: Grayson County submitted an updated DSO.

**Region 2** (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16)

**DDC 13 Bryan** (Includes Leon, Madison, Robertson, Brazos, Burleson, Grimes and Washington Counties)

**Grimes County:** TxDOT has closed SH 90 between Navasota and Anderson due to high water over the roadway and have requested that motorists find alternate routes. TxDOT has asked motorists to avoid the following locations: FM 1774 at Haynie Creek and Holland Creek; FM 1774 at FM 2819 (and 1 mile East); FM 2819 at Garretts Creek; FM 2562 at Garretts Creek (one lane closed); FM 3090 at Coleman Creek; FM 1486 at Garretts Creek, FM 1486 in Richards; FM 3090 at Rocky Creek; and FM 1774 from CR 207 to CR 313.

The City of Navasota experienced excessive rainfall, homes in flood-prone areas were evacuted. An estimated 21 citizens were transported to the civic center and the city has requested ARC operate the shelter. Water has receded; however, steady rain contiunes to fall and is expected to continue for the next two days. The EMC stated that three businesses, four apartments and six houses sustained some water damage. The city will conduct its infrastructure assessment tomorrow. ARC is continuing to support citizens that have been affected. Numerous roadways remain closed. The shelter at the Navasota Center has closed. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has positioned two boat squads at the Grimes

County Sheriff's Office (SO). They are also providing two shallow-water boats and four four-wheel drive vehicles.

**Washington County:** Numerous county roadways are closed.

**DDC 16 Conroe** (Includes Liberty, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties)

**Montgomery County:** Western Montgomery County in and around the City of Montgomery experienced three to four inches of rainfall, resulting in flash flooding.

**Walker County:** TxDOT placed barricades at the following roads: FM 1791 and Spell Bottom Road; FM 247 and Lost Indian Camp Road; SH 190 and FM 2929; SH 30 and San Jacinto River. TxDOT and county commissioner crews cleared downed trees from FM 405 and FM 1375. Several secondary roads were closed. Walker County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) delivered tarps to impacted homes.

In the City of Huntsville, a gas station canopy was blown across the road at South Sam Houston Avenue.

In the City of Dodge three homes sustained wind damage. Damage assessments will continue. ARC is assisting families relocate (as no shelters were opened).

**DDC 16 Texas City** (Includes Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

**Brazoria County:** The City of Angleton reported several roadways are closed due to high water. At least 4 homes have water damage. The city has opened the Angleton Recreation Center for residents who are unable to get home due to high water.

**Region 3** (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

**DDC 19 – Laredo** (Includes Webb, Zapata, Jim Hogg, Starr Counties)

In the City of Rio Grande City flash flooding and power outages occurred. The local 911 system remains down. Power has since been restored to most of the city. City hall remains without power due to a lightning strike. Approximately 20 homes were affected by high water.

**DDC 20 – Corpus Christi**: (Includes Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, San Patricio, Nueces, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Duval, Brooks and Kenedy Counties)

**Bee County:** Straight line winds were reported near the Pawnee area. Water and trees were reported to be covering the roadway in several locations. FM 882 is closed from SH 72 to the Bee/Live Oak County line. Bee County maintenance crews responded to perform clean-up operations.

**DDC 24 – Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit, La Salle Counties)

**Maverick County:** Customs and Border Protection (CBP) reported water over the roadway in Quemado area affecting US 277. Power lines are down, due to limited lights, traffic has been diverted to SH 131 to Bracketville and then to US 90 to Del Rio.

**Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls** (Includes Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Cottle, Foard, Clay, Montague, Baylor, Archer, and Young and Jack Counties)

**Archer County:** One fatality reported at Lake Wichita. Archer County Sheriff's Office (SO) is currently investigating the fatality to determine if the fatality is weather related.

**Clay County:** Approximately 40 county roads have sustained water damage. Two homes were affected and one has minor damages. A Disaster Declaration was submitted. County Commissioners will continue to update the DSO as water recedes.

**Montague County:** A Disaster Declaration and DSO were submitted.

**Wichita County:** Several electric poles from co-op and non-co-op electric companies were damaged. Wichita County/Wichita Falls provided a 125Kw generator to power one of the communications sites for the FD and PD. The waste water plant was down temporarily due to high water overwhelming the pumps. Three pumps are currently damaged, however the plant remains operational. Ten homes sustained minor to moderate damage due to severe weather. One apartment building sustained fire damage and two persons were transported to a local hospital.

**DDC 7 Abilene** (Includes Knox, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Comanche Counties)

**Eastland County:** A tornado was reported in the City of Cisco. The tornado was accompanied by hail, ranging in size from golf ball to baseball-sized. One fatality and 3 injuries were reported. Seven homes were confirmed destroyed. Numerous structures have been damaged and there were reports of downed power lines and trees that are blocking several roadways. Personnel are working to clear those areas. Approximately 80% of Eastland is without power. AEP is working on clearing the downed power lines and restoring power. Extremely heavy rainfall hampered response efforts and has created a concern for flooding.

A DSO was submitted and a Disaster Declaration will follow.

**Stephens County:** FM 578 is closed 1.5 miles south of FM 1974 to FM 1471 due to water covering the roadway.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18, and 17)

**DDC 11/23 – Waco** (Includes Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

DDC 23 activated to level III (increased readiness conditions)

Bosque County: A DSO was submitted.

**Hill County:** Damage assessments are ongoing. The county reported minimal damage consisting of primarily trees and vegetation with debris removal operations underway.

Limestone County: Flooding issues at Lake Mexia have stabilized and authorities have allowed many residents to return to their homes. The water at the lake is receding and will continue to do so unless additional rainfall occurs. ARC established a shelter at the First United Methodist Church located at 203 N Canton, with a population of at least 22 residents. Limestone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) officials surveyed the area to determine how far the flood waters had receded and if some of the families could safely return to their homes. Approximately 2,000 people live in and around Lake Mexia. It is estimated that some 40% of the lake homes were affected. It is too early for the exact property damage estimates. No injuries or fatalities have been reported. Limestone County does not intend to declare a disaster or to submit associated documentation. SH 84 is restricted due to high water and passage on US 84 at Lake Mexia is restricted due to water covering the road.

The Brazos River Authority (BRA) increased the discharge rates from Lake Limestone from 12,000 to 16,000 cubic feet per second (CFS), there have been no impacts to roadways reported.

# RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

# Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX/TX-TF1):

Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) is standing-by for resource requests. TX-TF1 has 11 Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians (HSART) and 2 HSART LNO supporting 2 TxMF UH-60s rotary wing aircrafts from Martindale which are staged in Grand Prairie. Two additional UH-60s are staffed and available in College Station. One UH-60 and 1 UH-72 are staffed and staged in Austin. Seven State of Texas Swift Water Rescue Squads with rostered crews on alert with the following agencies: Austin Fire, San Antonio Fire, STRAC and Washington County EMS. Three Swift Water Rescue Squads have been activated. Denton has been activated in place. Fort Worth has been moved to the Denton County Armory and 1 Austin squad has moved to Fort Worth. One Swift Water Rescue Manager has been activated as well and moved to Denton County. A Type-III USAR team is activated in College Station.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	College Station
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	College Station
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Grand Prairie
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Grand Prairie
HSART LNO	1	1	Activated	Denton County

Motor	4	<u> </u>	A ativata d	Donton	
Water	1	6	Activated	Denton	
Rescue				County	
Squad					
Water	1	6	Activated	Denton	
Rescue				County	
Squad					
Water	1	1	Activated	Denton	
Rescue				County	
Manager					
Water	1	5	Activated	Fort Worth	
Rescue					
Squad					
SOC LNO	1	2	Activated	SOC-Austin	
HSART Team	1	2	Activated	Austin	
HSART Team	1	1	Activated	Austin	
HSART LNO	1	1	Activated College		
				Station	
Water	1	6	Activated	College	
Rescue				Station	
Squad					
Water	1	6	Activated	College	
Rescue				Station	
Squad					
Water	1	5	Activated	Austin	
Rescue					
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Water	1	6	Activated	San Antonio	
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**Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS):** TXDPS continues to monitor the severe weather. TXDPS Disaster District continues to support response and recovery operations in impacted areas. Troopers continue to provide perimeter security.

#### **Aviation assets:**

Five SAR helicopters, 2 hoists and 3 short haul are available for the SOC. One in San Antonio (hoist), 1 in Austin (hoist), 1 in Edinburg (short haul), 1 in Houston (short haul) and 1 in Mesquite (short haul). TXDPS aircraft assets will be moving to the North Texas area at 0800 for recon. TXDPS also has 1 fixed-wing asset with downlink capability that could send live footage into the SOC (weather dependent). All missions and assets have been added to the Aviation Board in WebEOC.

Three TXDPS aviation crewmembers launched to assist Waco PD near Childress Creek for two lost kayakers. The missing kayakers were located before the aircrew's arrival and are safe.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** TDEM personnel have been actively responding to this severe weather and flooding event. District Coordinator (DC) 9B – Ft. Stockton is deployed at DDC 4 Hurst.

DC 2 – Lubbock, DC Capitol, DC 6 – Tyler, and DC 11/23 - Waco are deployed to Van, Van Zandt County, to assist with damage assessments and the coordination of resources.

TDEM Disaster Finance Coordinator – Region 1 is assisting the SOC Finance Section with calculation of state agency response costs. Regional Disaster Finance staff have deployed to the City of Van to assist with disaster cost documentation.

**Texas Civil Air Patrol (TXCAP):** Eight fixed-wing aircraft available across the state (weather dependent).

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** An IMT team is on scene in the City of Van currently working on a debris management plan.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location	Notification Time Required
Overhead	2	2	Assigned	SOC	
Type III IMT	1	14	Assigned	Van	

**Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD):** Game Wardens continue to provide perimeter security in the City of Van, with focus shifting on patrol and traffic control. No new requests for assistance have been received. TPWD personnel are standing by for requests and continue to monitor the situation.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	DFW Area
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Panhandle
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Guadalupe
SAR Boat	1	3	Activated	Kerr
Rescue Swimmer	1	2	Activated	Austin
A Star Helicopter	1	2 (observation only)	Activated	Austin

# **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):**

#### **Cooke County:**

Approximately 13 railcars and four locomotives derailed from a BNSF train in Cooke County. DFW Emergency Response staff made contact on-site with EPA and BSNF. The railcars were only hauling goods, including paints, soaps, food products, etc. The four locomotives had between 4,000 - 6,000 gallons of diesel each; two of the locomotives are leaking diesel and hydraulic fluid and the amounts for the other two are unknown. Earthen berms were made around the locomotives to hold spill. Released material also contained in a low-lying area near the derailment site. BNSF informed TCEQ that the berms around the derailed locomotives held up throughout the rain event. The rail line has been repaired and a couple of trains have passed through with no issues. BNSF is currently constructing a road to the locomotives which is expected to be completed on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Berms around derailed locomotive have held. Hard booms remain in Spring Creek however; due to high water booms were not inspected. TCEQ will continue to monitor clean-up operations.

# **Denton County:**

The City of Sanger is reporting a 50,000 gallons SSO from their WWTP, which has been contained on site, however, the SSO is still ongoing. The WWTP did not lose power at any time. Four SSO's were reported. Denton County is planning to dispose of hundreds of animal carcasses at the Denton Landfill. TCEQ DFW Region staff contacted the Denton landfill manager. The landfill confirmed they are capable of handling the disposal of the carcasses as special waste under the landfill's permit. At the request of the county, TCEQ DFW Region ER staff will be responding to the Denton County EOC to discuss debris management and requirements for temporary debris management sites.

At Twin Cove Marina, a release of 5,190 gallons of gasoline from an Above Ground Tank (AST) occurred into the subsurface as a function of a ruptured production line. There is no impact to Lake Grapevine at this time. Five wells have been installed and recovery is ongoing.

**Fannin County:** Two SSO's were reported. A PWS reported losing power for 45 minutes but maintained pressure above 20 psi, power and pressure was restored. 1 PWS issued a Boil Water Notice (BWN).

**Grayson County:** Twenty-two SSO's were reported. Two PWS issued a BWN. One PWS had a line break, the break was fixed and bacteriological samples were taken. The other PWS lost power due to lightning strikes at both pump stations which caused a fire and significant damage, power was restored and bacteriological samples were taken.

Henderson County: A dam on FM 317 was overtopping. The county Sheriff's Office has issued a voluntary evacuation for people who live between Athens Fish and Game Club Lake and Lake Athens. TCEQ staff along with the Henderson County Emergency Management Coordinator and the dam's owner representative conducted a preliminary inspection of the structure. The inspection showed significant damage to the structure and roadway. No leakage from the dam was observed, but if the dam were to overtop again it could be at risk for failure. The TCEQ Engineer removed two boards from the weir gate at the spillway which should help lower the water level by an additional foot. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 throughout the course of the day efforts were taken to continue to lower lake levels. The dam owner intends to follow guidance of the engineer and cut a relief channel at/near the dam's right abutment.

Ten PWS owned and operated by the same owner have experienced flood damage to water mains at low-water crossings. Additionally, 1 of wells is inoperable due to an electrical outage. A BWN has been issued for each of these facilities.

**Hood County:** Three SSO's were reported. Two PWS issued BWN's. One PWS had a main break due to heavy flooding. The main was repaired, lines flushed and a bacteriological sample were taken. One PWS had a main break caused by heavy flooding. The system is currently working to replace the main. Approximately 149 connections are impacted and 14 connections have no service.

**Johnson County:** One SSO was reported. Four dairies have reported lagoon overflows due to the rain events.

**Navarro County:** Three SSO's were reported. A PWS reported one of their plants was shut down but is back operational. Another PWS reported 20 connections are without water due to lightning strikes and a main break. The system issued a BWN.

Parker County: One SSO was reported.

Tarrant County: Fifteen SSO's were reported.

The City of Fort Worth reported a sewer line collapse causing overflows totaling 4.5 million gallons. Bypass pumping is in place until emergency repairs can be made, regional staff has conducted an on-site investigation. Local media was notified.

**Texas Education Agency (TEA):** Two of the five Van ISD school buildings were damaged in addition to the bus barn and administrative building. The Superintendent is evaluating options for the approximately 600 students affected to determine how they will finish the remainder of the school year.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT crews are reporting minor flooding on multiple low volume roads throughout the state. Crews will continue to monitor the situation and remove roadway debris, check drainage ditches, and remove debris from channels as needed. TxDOT crews are displaying "turn around – don't drown" signs in impacted areas. TxDOT has 10,000 man hours currently and 500 pieces of equipment being utilized.

**Texas Military Forces (TxMF):** A Ground Support Package (GSP) is stationed in Denton at the National Guard Armory. An Air Support Package (ASP) is stationed in Grand Prairie. An ASP is stationed in College Station. An ASP is stationed at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). A TxMF Liaison was activated to DDC-Tyler. A Military District Coordinator (MDC) was activated to Denton. A Public Affairs Officer (PAO) was activated to College Station to coordinate with an aviation aerial transportation package.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Ground Support Package	1	26	Assigned	Denton
Aerial	2	6	Assigned	Grand Prairie

Transportation				
Package				
Aerial	2	8	Assigned	College Station
Transportation				
Package				
Aerial	1	4	Assigned	Austin (ABIA)
Transportation				
Package				
Aerial	1	4	Assigned	Austin
Transportation				
Package				
PAO	1	1	Assigned	Hurst
TxMF Liaison	1	1	Available	Tyler
MDC	1	1	Assigned	Taylor

**American Red Cross (ARC):** ARC Disaster Relief operations are headquartered in Dallas. ARC is ready to provide sheltering, feeding, damage assessments, and case management as requested.

A breakdown of activities follows:

# **Mass Care**

Shelter status as of 11:59 PM May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Shelter Name	Location	City/County	Status	Population
Denia	1001 Parvin St.	Denton (Denton	Open	0
Recreation		Co.)		
Center				
First Baptist	119 East Main	Van (Van Zandt	Open	12
Church	St.	Co.)		
First Baptist	713 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	Sanger (Denton	Open	0
Church of		Co.)		
Sanger				
First United	203 North	Mexia	Open	0
Methodist	Canton St.	(Limestone Co.)		
Church				
The Navasota	101 Stadium	Navasota	Open	4
Center	Drive	(Grimes Co.)		
Walker County	455 State	Huntsville	Open	3
Storm Shelter	Highway 75 N	(Walker Co.)		
San Luis Center	1490 Williams	Eagle Pass	Closed last night.	0
	St.	(Maverick Co.)		

#### Feeding

Feeding service was provided at all shelters with a population, in the community of Van and first responders.

#### **Bulk Distribution**

Planned for bulk distribution beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Van Zandt and developed bulk distribution strategy for Erath, Johnson and Navarro Counties.

#### Reunification

Texas Flooding and Tornado Event was added to the Safe and Well Website for individuals and organizations to share their safety message

# Information and Planning

Provided requested information to TDEM on shelter locations and available staff.

Developed plans to address the mass care needs if needed following water releases from Lake Ray Roberts and Lake Amon Carter.

#### **External Relations**

Provided staff at the Incident Command Post (ICP) in Limestone County, Van Zandt County and Denton EOC.

Planned for Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) in Van to open tentatively on Wednesday

# **Damage Assessment**

Conducted Damage Assessments in 15 counties and shared current numbers with VOAD, TDEM and FEMA. Damage assessments are ongoing.

#### Recovery

Opened 35 cases for families impacted by the Rhome, Texas tornado.

ARC preliminary damage assessment in Van revealed 62 homes destroyed; 56 with major damage, 41 with minor damage and 45 affected.

American Red Cross has activated its safe and well website for survivors to check in. <a href="https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php">https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php</a>

**Civil Air Patrol- U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (CAP):** Eight fixed wing aircraft are available across the state. (Weather dependent)

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC):** PUC reported that the largest outages are with AEP Texas. Approximately 8,402 customers are without power. Areas most significantly impacted are Hidalgo County, where 3,678 customers are without power and Nueces County where 2,874 customers are without power. The current outages represent 1.5 % of their total customers.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS is ready to meet medical and behavioral health needs, including providing ambulance strike teams, an AMBUS or MIST members. A STAR was received for a behavioral health team to support re-entry in the City of Van.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location
Ambulance Strike Team	1	11	Demobilized	

AMBUS	1	6	Demobilized	
MIST Member		1	Demobilized	
SOC Liaison		1	Assigned	SOC
HSR Liaison		1	Assigned	DDC-Tyler

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) along with 2-1-1 continues to monitor the situation.

HHSC is checking for impacts to regions for possible office closures. RDAC team is on standby to assist Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) with Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA's).

- 2-1-1's Area Information Centers (AICs) have continued to stay in contact with local emergency management entities in their area to be aware of local resources.
- 2-1-1 Specialists are prepared to refer callers to the *Safe and Well* registry and the *DriveTexas* website, or assist callers in the use of these resources. They are also prepared to refer callers as appropriate to currently available mass care shelters.

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS):** DFPS has activated its internal Area Command Structure and four regional IMT's to monitor for potential flooding and evacuation.

Area Command has established the following objectives for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Operational Period: Identify clients and facilities at risk in the potential flood pool (this is for regional situational awareness.

Develop and deliver alert/warning communication for clients, facilities and staff; special attention should be directed to staff messaging regarding their safety during operations.

Identify any DFPS offices potentially at risk for flooding and prepare them.

Establish and staff the hotline for tracking client evacuation.

Support client planning for evacuation as need.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA):** TDHCA coordinated with its local Community Services Block Grant ("CSBG") program Administrators, typically Community Action Agencies ("CAAs"), to provide gift cards for food, gas, and toiletries to impacted households at or below 125% of the federal poverty level

Notified the judges in impacted counties that local CAAs are providing immediate assistance to eligible households. TDHCA also offered the officials additional information for longer term relief programs

TDHCA also received and is responding to a request to assist a resident who lives in Burleson County. The residents home was flooded as a result of severe storms and the resident has no insurance. TDHCA has reached out to local officials to offer program information that may be of benefit in assisting the resident.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC): A TAHC SOC agency representative has been activated and assigned to staff the SOC during the day to monitor the situation and respond to

requests. TAHC personnel are scheduled and on-call during the SOC night shift. TAHC field personnel statewide are in contact with the local Emergency Management, DDCs, and animal authorities in their assigned areas.

**Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):** DADS is contacting nursing facilities in the impacted areas for status updates and notifying them of the potential for river flooding.

**Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD):** Many agencies are supporting operations in local communities (Cisco, Denton County, Van and Celina).

Many agencies are also on stand-by to provide emotional and spiritual care and sheltering for anyone who may need to evacuate their homes or become stranded due to flooding. VOADs are also on standby to provide meals and hydration for first responders and survivors, chainsaw units, heavy equipment units, mud out units, etc.

Operational information from specific VOAD agencies follows:

# **Adventist Community Services**

Will conduct mobile distribution starting at 2:00 PM on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 distributing pre-packaged outfits of clothing, personal care kits, blankets, sheets and clean up buckets.

#### **ALERT**

Fourteen men are currently in Van. Activities include clearing roads for emergency vehicles, SAR and assessments. They will begin debris cleanup as soon as the authorities complete their assessments.

#### **Victim Relief Ministries**

Assets are on the ground in Van with plans to pull back from the red zone and setting up operations at the Church of Garden Valley.

# **Southern Baptists of Texas Convention - Disaster Relief Ministry**

Cleanup team is on site in Morgan Mill for tree removal. Cleanup team is en route to Ennis for requested flood response. Cleanup team preparing to deploy to Cisco for requested house debris removal. Assessment team in Van and multiple response units (Feeding, Cleanup Recovery and Chaplain) are on stand-by. Assessment teams are also in Hill, Ellis and Navarro Counties.

# United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Central Texas UMCOR

Chainsaw team sent to Morgan Mill for trees and debris removal.

# Mercy Chefs:

Deploying to a church near Van for a week to provide meals.

# Feeding Texas:

East Texas Food Bank provided additional food and water to pantry in Van.

Montgomery County Food Bank responded to partner agencies to get additional resources to the individuals that were affected by the flooding in Montgomery County.

All food banks are currently functioning as normal and ready to respond as needed.

#### Saint Vincent De Paul:

Standing by and prepared to deploy.

#### **Team Rubicon**

Mission Planning Team standing by in DFW and ready to assist with any needs.

#### Save the Children

Closely monitoring and stands ready to help support unmet needs for children.

# OneStar Foundation's AmeriCorps\*Texas program

Texas Conservation Corps at American Youthworks has 18 AmeriCorps members standing by, prepared to deploy if the need for a Volunteer Reception Center or other support need should arise.

# **Missions on Wheels**

Available resources if needed:

- ADA Shower Trailer: Currently in Llano, TX available to deploy after May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Generator Trailer: Deployable
- Bunk Trailer: Currently available, but may be requested for IL LTRC

**The Salvation Army (TSA):** The Salvation Army continues to have a liaison present at the SOC to monitor any requests and coordinate with other state agencies and VOADs.

Corsicana Corps (212 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Corsicana, TX 75110) will remain on stand-by through May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to provide emotional and spiritual care and sheltering for those who may evacuate their homes or become stranded due to flooding.

Laredo Corps (408 Matamoros, Laredo, TX 78040) will remain on stand-by to provide emotional and spiritual care and sheltering for anyone who may evacuate their homes or become stranded due to flooding. Shelter facilities are for individual men and women, very few rooms are available for families.

Tyler Corps served nearly 200 meals on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to first responders and survivors in Van. They also provided mobile hydration for the survivors. They are currently set up behind the mobile command post at First Baptist Church to continue feeding on 5/12/15.

Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	# Personnel	Status	Resource Location	Notification Time Required
Liaison	1	1	Active	SOC	
Shelter	1		On Standby	Corsicana	
Shelter	1		On Standby	Laredo	
Mobile	1		Active	Van	
Kitchen					

This table displays TSA's resources only.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) increased its activation level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The SOC held a severe weather event conference call with the National Weather Service and State agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) yesterday morning. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

#### The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I (Emergency Conditions)

Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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